

Lamoine Conservation Commission
Town of Lamoine
606 Douglas Highway
Lamoine, ME 04605
Minutes of the Meeting of 30 March, 2009

The meeting started at 7:04 p.m.

Commission Members Present: Fred Stocking (chair), Carol Korty, Bob Pulver, Nancy Pochan (acting as alternate), David Schick (secretary).

Others present:

Agenda Items:

- 1) Review of Agenda and Minutes of the January meeting: The minutes were read silently and accepted as corrected.
- 2) Review of Drinking Water Policy Discussion: The meeting was well attended with 40 – 50 attendees including the panel members. It became clear that for the town to protect its water resources actions must be implemented proactively, not as a reaction to project proposals that may meet current regulations. At the state level, regulatory activity regarding commercial water extraction is in some disarray, which puts the onus back on local communities to refine their own regulatory environment. Lamoine's Aquifer Protection Overlay Zone ordinance is in development and will be refined by the Planning Board through a series of workshops. Nancy Pochan would like to address the Planning Board and suggest a moratorium on any bulk water extraction within the town. She will go to the meeting scheduled for April 14th.
- 3) Fresh Water Initiative Update (Carol and Bob): The water testing process went very well in both the Lamoine and Ellsworth schools. The data is in spreadsheet form at the Mitchell Center, but the Commission does not have access to it in its present form. We may need to formally request the data in writing. Bob Pulver thought it would be good to have all four years data compiled in a gridded map form. There is some question, however, as to whether the test sample location data has been integrated into the spreadsheet. This could be a great project for an individual to take on. The question arose as to whether there will be a public presentation of the test results. This could be a fall event, and it would be great to include at least some of the students in the presentation.
- 4) Planning Board and Selectfolk Concerns (including review of meeting 1/22/09): The APOZ workshop process was discussed as part of agenda item 2. Carol Korty has been in touch with an individual in the mid-west who is planning a totally green community. She will be getting more information which may be of interest to both the Planning Board and Board of Selectmen. Fred Stocking noted that a similar effort is in development in western Maine, and that the organizers might be available to do a presentation.
- 5) Listening to the concerns of those attending: Fred Stocking observed that our capacity as a commission seems pretty well maxed out, and that we really are not in a position to initiate many new projects. Several ideas were voiced in discussion. Perhaps the Commission needs to recruit more adjunct members. Alternatively, individuals within the community could take on worthy

projects and develop the labor pool required to bring them to fruition. A number of items also came to our attention:

- Dog droppings are becoming a problem at Marlboro beach. Nancy Pochan will try to initiate a cleanup and perhaps a signage effort with other folks who use the beach regularly.
 - Maine DMR is providing Water Quality Monitor training at the Boothbay lab on May 15th. There will also be a shoreline survey for possible pollution sources. Contact Bob Goodwin at the Lamoine State Park office for further information.
 - Dr. George Kidder and the MDI Biolab have applied for a large NOAA grant for eelgrass restoration. Dr. Jane Disney has requested, and is hoping for participation by children from Lamoine. The Commission will write a letter of support.
 - Michelle Mason Webber of Maine DMR has requested help in mapping the territories of Maine shellfish species. She hoped that we could target local harvesters to assist in mapping known shellfish populations. The question arose as to whether the town had a list of residents with state shellfish licenses.
 - MEACC dues are coming due. We will request funds from the Board of Selectmen.
 - Compost bins are available from the Maine Resource Recovery Association, but we felt that we did not have enough demand to organize a sales and distribution effort. Discussion highlighted the notion that we need to learn to utilize more of our waste stream above and beyond the usual recycling avenues.
- 6) Lamoine Conservation Award: The draft of the award letter was reviewed with minor editing. Fred will create the final draft for printing. The Commission will make the award at the Town Meeting. Also, the budget request for the land acquisition fund has the support of the Budget Committee.
- 7) Report on display of the Beginning with Habitat maps: Lynda Tadema-Wielandt was successful in getting the maps reproduced in a reduced size. The smaller maps are now in the display with legends on the back leaf. We need a sign to direct interested people to the location where the full sized maps are stored.
- 8) Open Space Inventory – Next Steps / Report on the Scenic Assessment Workshop (Bob Pulver): Bob will be attending the workshop which will provide an additional boost to our inventory process. Carol Korthy suggested that it might be useful to create a book of viewsapes within the town.
- 9) Planning for Spring – Summer events: The invasive plant presentation is scheduled for April 29th at the Town Hall. Bob Pulver will do a publicity write up and Lynda Tadema-Wielandt will create a flyer and a notice for the town email network. All commission members will contribute refreshments. Bob will request additional help as necessary. The next Commission business meeting will be scheduled for May 13th.
- 10) Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 8:27 PM

Respectfully submitted,

David Schick
Secretary
Lamoine Conservation Commission